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Oregon, Washington and Total Potato Stocks for April 1 Updated

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service discovered an error affecting potato processing and stocks in Oregon and Washington. Potatoes used for processing to April 1 in Washington and Other Area, Oregon have been adjusted, and potatoes in storage in Oregon and Washington on April 1 have been corrected.

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 51.0 million cwt, 4.50 million cwt more than on hand April 1, 2007. Disappearance, at 80.7 million cwt is down from last year's 82.4 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.40 million cwt, up from last year's 2.30 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 48.6 million cwt, were up from the 44.2 million cwt stored on April 1, 2007. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.91 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes during March, down 10 percent from March 2007. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 55.5 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes to April 1, down 2.1 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 48.4 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 7.11 million cwt were produced in other states.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 134 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2008, up 10 percent from a year ago and 15 percent above April 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Potato disappearance, at 266 million cwt, was 1 percent below April 1, 2007 but up 3 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 21.6 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same date in 2007 but up 7 percent from 2006. Processors in the 9 major States have used 140 million cwt of 2007 crop potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same period last year but up 5 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 29.3 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same period in 2006.



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